

# Reuse • Recycle • Conserve

City of Kirkland Public Works Department

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Visit us at [www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/recycle](http://www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/recycle)

## Get on Board!

Residents at the 25 participating Kirkland apartment and condominium properties recycled over 80 tons of food and organic material in 2010! If you want to join the crowd, all you have to do is ask a representative from your homeowners' association or your property manager to visit [www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/recycle](http://www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/recycle) and fill out an on-line application or call (425) 587-3812 for assistance.

The food scrap recycling service is provided to qualifying apartments and condos at no extra cost and properties may receive up to two lined, outdoor carts dumped twice per week by the City's waste hauler, Waste Management, Inc. Tenants can receive a free kitchen food scrap bucket complete with an instructional brochure and a sample of biodegradable bucket liners.

For regular recycling, the City offers free personal recycling baskets to store and transport your recyclables from your apartment or condo to outside carts or dumpsters. Each basket comes stuffed with information on what to recycle and Kirkland's recycling programs. To receive a free recycling basket, please ask your homeowners' association or property manager to contact the City of Kirkland at (425) 587-3812 or by email at [recycle@ci.kirkland.wa.us](mailto:recycle@ci.kirkland.wa.us).



food scrap cart



food scrap bucket



recycling basket

# Recycling Collection Event

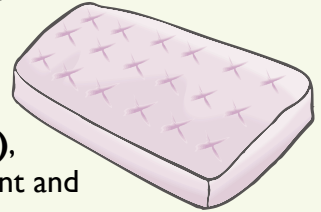
**PRESENTED BY:** City of Kirkland  
& King County

**WHERE:** Houghton Park & Ride  
(NE 70th St & 116th Ave NE)

**WHAT:** Residential Collection Event

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 16, 9 AM to 3 PM

Clean out your garage and safely recycle items that normally cannot be left at the curb with your regular Waste Management pick-up service or recycled readily through product stewardship programs. Examples of items that you can bring are: tires, motor oil, batteries, clothing, porcelain toilets and sinks, mattresses, box springs, and futons (**NEW!**), Styrofoam™ blocks and packing peanuts (**NEW!**), electronic equipment and computer peripherals, and bulky wood.



**No paint of any kind will be accepted. No television, desktop and laptop computers, and computer monitors will be accepted – recycle these items free through E-Cycle Washington. To find a collection site near you, visit [www.ecyclewashington.org](http://www.ecyclewashington.org).**



Not sure what to do with those hard to recycle items? Visit King County's "What Do I Do With..." web site from [www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/recycle](http://www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/recycle).

## Fluorescent tubes and bulbs can be recycled at this event!

(limit 10 tubes/bulbs per person)



### User fee Items (cash only):

<b>NEW!</b> Mattresses, box springs, & futons	\$10/each
Porcelain toilets/sinks	\$10/each
Propane tanks (empty, residential only)	\$5/each
Small camping propane tanks (empty)	\$1/each
Refrigerators/freezers/ Household air conditioners	\$25/each

For tips on securing your load, please visit [kingcounty.gov](http://kingcounty.gov) and enter "secure your load" in the search box or call (206) 296-4466.



**\* Restrictions apply and some items are not collected. User fees cover the cost of proper processing and recycling. All items collected will be recycled. View the flyer at [www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/recycle](http://www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/recycle) or call the Recycling Hotline at (425) 587-3812 for more information.**

*Funding provided by the King County Solid Waste Division and the King County Local Hazardous Waste Management Program.*



## Kirkland Residents:

# Did You Know?



Recycling a single plastic bottle can conserve enough energy to light a 60-watt bulb for up to 6 hours.

--Bureau of International Recycling



## Unwanted Medicine Disposal

Most of us have at least one unused or expired prescription medication stored in our home. Leftover medicines pose a high risk of misuse and abuse. In addition, when disposed of in the garbage or flushed into the sewer system, they can harm the environment.

Currently, there is a strong movement to get a state producer responsibility bill passed, similar to the overwhelmingly successful E-cycle Washington Program. The bill would establish a universal, free, and secure medicine take back program in Washington paid for by the drug manufacturers. City of Kirkland staff encourages you to call or email your state legislator and voice your support for secure medicine take back legislation. Fortunately, until a bill passes there are several privately-funded take back programs in the vicinity of Kirkland that you can take advantage of:



Business	Location	Phone	Restrictions
Bartell Drugs Bridle Trails Pharmacy	6619 132nd Ave. NE Kirkland 98033	(425) 881-5678	NO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES Mon-Fri 8 am-9 pm Sat 9 am-6 pm Sun 10 am-6 pm
Group Health Cooperative Bellevue Medical Center Pharmacy	11511 NE 10th St. Bellevue 98004	(425) 502-3820	NO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES Open 24 hours, 7 days a week
Bartell Drugs Bellevue Village Pharmacy	10116 NE 8th St. Bellevue 98004	(425) 454-3111	NO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES Mon-Fri 8 am-9 pm Sat 9 am-6 pm Sun 10 am-6 pm
Group Health Cooperative Factoria Medical Center Pharmacy	13451 SE 36th St. Bellevue 98006	(425) 562-1302	NO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES Mon-Fri 8:30 am-6 pm
Group Health Cooperative Redmond Medical Center Pharmacy	7765 159th Pl. NE, #100 Redmond 98052	(425) 882-6150	NO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES Mon-Fri 8 am-6 pm Sat 9 am-1 pm
Bothell Police	18410 101st Ave. NE Bothell 98011	(425) 388-3199	ACCEPTS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES and other medicines Call for details & hours

# Celebrate Earth Week: April 18-23

## **Monday, April 18** Switch to less toxic household products

Green cleaning products are effective, cheaper, and safer for both you and the environment. With just a few simple items (baking soda, white vinegar, castile soap, and water), you can make your own green cleaning kit. Find recipes for green cleaners at [www.kingcounty.gov](http://www.kingcounty.gov) (search Green Cleaning Recipes).



## **Tuesday, April 19** Take control of your mailbox

- Get off credit offer lists – [www.optoutprescreen.com](http://www.optoutprescreen.com)
- Reduce unwanted direct mail - [www.dmachoice.org](http://www.dmachoice.org)
- Receive fewer catalogs - [www.catalogchoice.org](http://www.catalogchoice.org)



## **Wednesday, April 20** Go for a hike

Leave your car at home and try walking, biking or busing instead. Find bus routes and schedules at [metro.kingcounty.gov](http://metro.kingcounty.gov).



## **Thursday, April 21** Shop wisely

Green and practical shopping habits can help decrease your impact on the environment and on your wallet. Measure the environmental impact of your purchasing decisions with King County's EcoConsumer Waste Calculator at [kingcounty.gov](http://kingcounty.gov) (search EcoConsumer Calculator). You'll also find great resources for reducing waste.



## **Friday, April 22** Earth Day

Pledge to take positive action, no matter how big or small, for the Earth. Pledge an Act of Green at [act.earthday.org](http://act.earthday.org).



## **Saturday, April 23** Volunteer locally

Join the Green Kirkland Partnership for an invasive plant removal project at Juanita Bay Park (2201 Market Street), 9am to noon. Sign up for the project at [www.EarthCorps.org](http://www.EarthCorps.org).

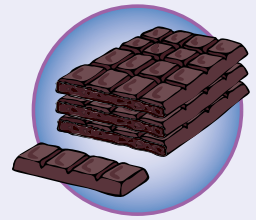
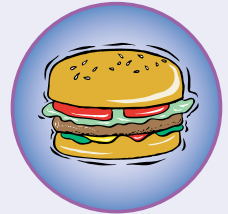
**GREEN KIRKLAND**  
PARTNERSHIP 



# The Hidden Water We Use

The average American lifestyle is fueled by nearly 2,000 gallons of water a day. What may come as a surprise is that very little of that - only 5% - runs through toilets, taps, and garden hoses at home. According to National Geographic, nearly 95% of your water footprint is hidden in the food you eat, energy you use, products you buy, and services you rely on.

- A gallon of gasoline, requires nearly 13 gallons of water to produce.
- The average American relies on nearly 670 gallons of water a day just for electricity production.
- Eat a bit less meat, especially beef. A typical hamburger can take 630 gallons to produce. A pound of beef requires almost 1,800 gallons of water to bring to the table vs. a pound of chicken which requires 468 gallons.
- It takes almost 7 times more water to produce a gallon of coffee than tea.
- A pound of dark chocolate requires more than 3,000 gallons of water to make.
- Buy less stuff. Everything takes water to make. So if we buy less, we shrink our water footprint.
- Recycle plastics, glass, metals, and paper. Buy re-usable products rather than throw-aways, as it takes water to make most everything.
- Recycling a pound of paper, less than the weight of your average newspaper, saves about 3.5 gallons of water.



## Comments

The City of Kirkland would like to hear your comments about this newsletter or your suggestions for future issues. Please call (425) 587-3907 or email [vsheth@ci.kirkland.wa.us](mailto:vsheth@ci.kirkland.wa.us).

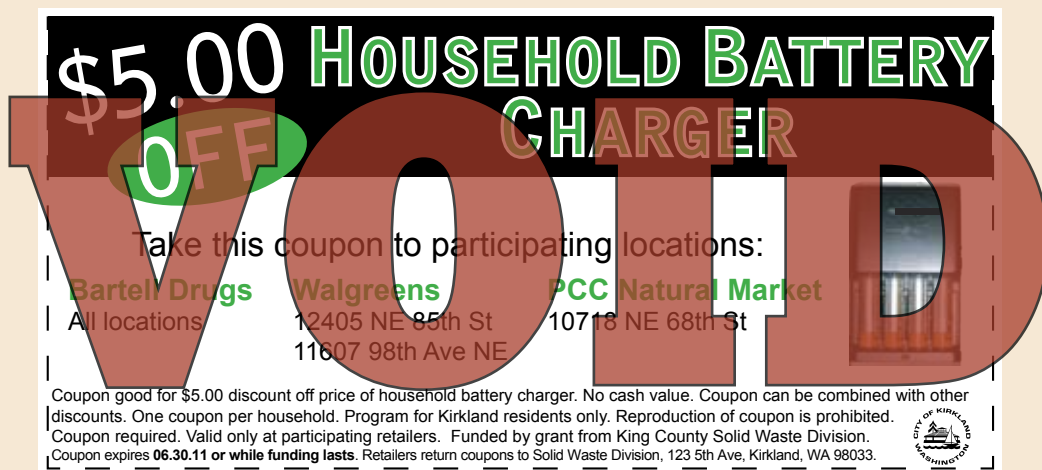


# Get a Charge Out of Rechargeable Batteries

**Why use rechargeable batteries?** Well, why *wouldn't* you use rechargeable batteries? They can save you cash, reduce battery waste, and are very convenient.

- *Rechargeable batteries can be recharged and reused hundreds of times*  
Hundreds of single-use batteries would be needed to equal that kind of lifespan
- *Rechargeable batteries can save you cash*  
Single-use batteries must be replaced with new batteries, while a rechargeable battery gets a new life for just a few cents worth of electricity
- *Rechargeable batteries result in less waste*  
Less batteries need to be processed for recycling or end up in landfills
- *Rechargeable batteries are more convenient*  
You'll never have to remember to buy batteries (by having two sets of rechargeable batteries)

Bring this coupon to any of the participating retail locations (see coupon for details) for \$5 off the price of the household battery charger of your choice.



## Don't be a Drip

### What's the problem with motor oil?

Used motor oil is the largest single source of oil pollution in our lakes, streams and rivers. Oil and other petroleum products last a long time and are toxic to people, wildlife and plants. Oil that leaks from our cars onto roads and driveways is washed into storm drains, and then flows directly to a lake or stream.

### Drips don't have to be a problem

- Regularly check for oil leaks.
- Stop drips promptly. Not only will this help a vehicle last longer, it also reduces the impact on the environment.
- Use ground cloths or drip pans beneath your vehicle if you have leaks or are doing engine work. Clean up spills immediately.
- Never dispose of oil or other engine fluids down the storm drain, on the ground or into a ditch.
- Recycle used motor oil.



### Dispose of oil properly

If you have curbside garbage collection, Waste Management will pick up your oil for free.

Limit: two jugs per collection.

If you don't have curbside collection, there are plenty of places where you can drop off used motor oil. For a list of locations, check out:

- The Recycle Hotline Database (<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/recycle/> or 1-800-RECYCLE )
- [earth911.com](http://earth911.com)